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INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL CELLS

AND/OR GLIAL CELLS

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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## Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed July 17, 2002, for the above-captioned patent application. A three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set in connection with the Office Action. Accordingly, this response is submitted on or before October 17, 2002. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following Amendment and Applicant's Remarks.